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**\*\*\*EDITORS NOTE: THIS IS A RESCHEDULED RAIN DATE FOR THE EVENT WE FIRST ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.\*\*\***

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*Plans call to turn a former pool into a skate bowl next to 101 Freeway and Echo Park Avenue*

ECHO PARK -- Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, along with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the City's Bureau of Engineering, will announce that funding has been identified to start work on a new skate park located at the Echo Park Recreation Center.

A press event to announce the funding will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 9:00 a.m., at Echo Park Recreation Center, 1632 Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles, 90026.**

Set against the backdrop of an abandoned, empty, and graffitied pool next to the 101 Freeway, the Councilmember will be joined by the skate park design team and community members who participated in the process.

The designs, which will be featured at the press event, include a mini-bowl in the center of the park and street-style elements along the park perimeter. The venue will be geared toward both beginning and intermediate level skaters, and utilize 7,000 square feet of space at the Recreation Center. The facility is expected to cost \$1.1 million dollars, using Prop K and additional Department of Recreation and Parks allocated funding.

During his first term in office, Councilmember O'Farrell has been a champion for improving and preserving our park space and city facilities. O'Farrell also utilized Prop K funds to renovate the Hollywood Pool, and worked with staff to identify funds to make improvements at Carlton Way Pocket Park and Smith Park in Hollywood, Seily Rodriguez Park in East Hollywood, Bellevue Recreation Center in Silver Lake, and worked on installing three new shade structures at the Silver Lake Dog Park.

**WHO**

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, 13th District  
Anita Meacham, Principal Supervisor, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Mahmood Karimzadeh, Bureau of Engineering, Architecture Division

## WHEN

Thursday, January 25  
9:00 a.m.

## WHERE

Echo Park Recreation Center  
1632 Bellevue Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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